

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
M	466



n Lexington

ress 5 Winthrop Road

toric Name Walter R. Champney House

:: Present residential

Original residential

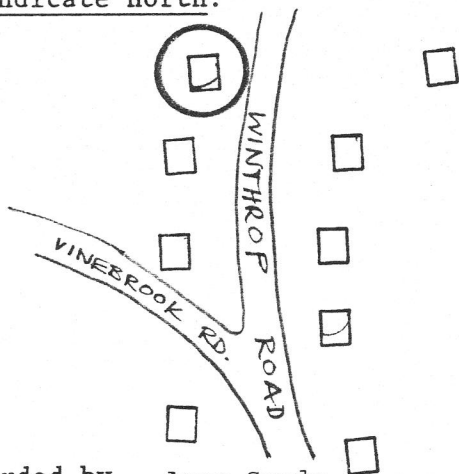
DESCRIPTION:

te between 1894 and 1898

Source map, newspaper research

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

Style Shingle Style

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric shingles

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 20544 ft.²

Setting Residential street of substantial houses built at the turn of the twentieth century.

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

One of over a dozen houses in late nineteenth century picturesque styles built on Winthrop Road, this house draws most of its features from the Shingle Style: polygonal turret with peaked roof; curved, shingled lintel in the gable window; and porch with shingled balustrade.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

This house was built by Walter R. Champney, a tea broker in Boston. It was one of the first houses to be built on Winthrop Road which was put through in 1894.

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Hudson, Charles. History of the Town of Lexington, revised and continued to 1912 by the Lexington Historical Society, Volume II, p. 99. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1913.

1889 atlas

1898 atlas

1906 atlas

1899 Directory

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
5 WINTHROP RD.

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

According to Hudson, Walter R. Champney died in 1911 at the age of 76 although he is still listed in the 1915 directory.

From 1916 to 1956 this was the home of Edwin B. Worthen, prominent Lexington historian and president of the Lexington Savings Bank. Worthen was born in Lexington in 1879 and grew up at 25 Maple Street. He married Lora Heal of Belfast, Maine in 1906 and purchased 5 Winthrop Road in 1916. He remained here until his death in 1956.

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